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## **SENATOR BRET ALLAIN SUPPORTS MERGER OF LSU AGRICULTURAL CENTER AND THE LSU COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE**

District 21 State Senator Bret Allain (R-Franklin), Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, supports the proposed administrative consolidation of the LSU Agricultural Center and the LSU College of Agriculture. The merger, which will be presented at the Sept. 6 Board of Supervisors meeting, is an effort to create more administrative efficiencies and to expand its statewide impact through more integrated teaching, research and public service.

"I wholeheartedly support the merger. It is good for agriculture and the State of Louisiana to have the AgCenter and the LSU College of Agriculture under one roof," said Sen. Allain, who is a farmer by trade and has spent his entire career working in agriculture and land-management.

The two entities have been separated since 1972. If approved, LSU President and Chancellor F. King Alexander will initiate the merger and oversee a nine-month process where faculty, staff and students will work with administrative officials to consolidate efforts to enhance the College of Agriculture and the AgCenter to better serve the academic and public service needs of the citizens of Louisiana.

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